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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Inclusion of non-professionals in sports clubs and federations

†3942. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-players/non-professionals are included in different sports clubs and federations in India, particularly of hockey and football;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is the main reason for miserable condition of these sports; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to streamline the functioning of these sports federations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that office bearers of many sports federations are non-players/non-professionals. However, the election of office bearers of National Sports Federations (NSFs) is done democratically through an electoral college comprising of members of their affiliated units. All the NSFs are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and the Government normally does not interfere in their functioning.

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The performance of the country in Sports particularly in Hockey and Football is not miserable at international level. Recently, Indian Hockey team has won Prime Ministers Gold Cup Hockey Tournament in Bangladesh defeating Pakistan team and Indian Football team has won its first match of World Cup qualifying matches against the strong team of UAE.

Promotion of youth affairs and sports in Arunachal Pradesh

3943. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government to promote youth affairs and sports in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal from the Arunachal Pradesh Government to promote youth affairs and sports in that State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.